



# Board Briefings

## ITEMS FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD'S NOVEMBER 14 MEETING

- **BOARD REPORTS** — Student representative Abby Nikiel reported on the upcoming Thanksgiving food drive and the success with the students who visited from France and Denmark. Mrs. Laura Heeter said she attended the NYSSBA conference and learned a lot in sessions about school safety. Mr. Mike McGarry said he attended a few playoff volleyball games. Mr. Tom Flynn reported he attended David Little's presentation regarding foundation aid. Mr. Cam Hall said the building visit to Armor last week was a success and the transportation committee has been discussing logistics surrounding evening Bills games. Rich Schneider said the next safety committee meeting will be in January. Lastly, Mr. Robbin List also said he enjoyed the Armor visit and it was great to see how much the students love the teachers and vice versa.
- **BUILDING REPORT** — Principal Tom Adams and Assistant Principal Jillian Meister led the presentation about Hamburg Middle School and the meeting was held in the Library Media Center. They invited several guests, including Mr. Jeff Berdysiak, Ms. Emily Caldwell, Ms. Samantha Chau, and two students who served as mentors, to speak about their experiences with the Connected Athletic League. This is a program started last spring which integrates special and general education students through sports. Mrs. Meister wrapped up the presentation with a video showing how students and staff feel connected at HMS.
- **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** — Superintendent Mr. Michael Cornell reported on the New York State Blue Ribbon Commission on graduation which will eventually make some regents exams optional. He also shared he met with representatives from local government about the homeless population and making sure the district can provide them what they need in school. He also said the families will receive Thanksgiving dinner. Mr. Cornell also said the Armor visit was great and he enjoyed having lunch with student government a couple of weeks ago.
- **CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE** — Carlo Zavatti from Turner Construction said his team has been working around the clock to get baseball and softball fields as complete as possible as we lose daylight and the weather changes. He said the baseball field is 90% complete and the drilling and caissons are complete on the softball field. Both will be finished in the spring once the weather changes again. He said the track is 98% complete and will just have to be touched up in early spring.
- **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS** — The board approved all items including 6th grade field trips to the Rochester Museum & Science Center and Toronto and a high school music trip to Cedar Point, Ohio.
- **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL ITEMS** — The board approved all items including a change order for Phase 1 of the Capital Project.
- **APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS** — The board approved all items including two Memorandums of Understanding with SUNY Fredonia for field experience and student teachers and donations from the Kiwanis Club for the "One Book, One School" program books at Boston Valley and a community member for a memorial bench at Armor.
- **PUBLIC EXPRESSION** — A PTSA representative shared they are selling Hamburg blankets and local business gift cards. They are also selling paw prints for people to place along the Turkey Trot route, and raffling off parking spots for concerts. They reminded everyone all these purchases can be made on Member Hub. Two community members shared thoughts about the pool portion of the Capital Project.
- **NEXT MEETING** — Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Armor Elementary School

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Michael Cornell, Superintendent  
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